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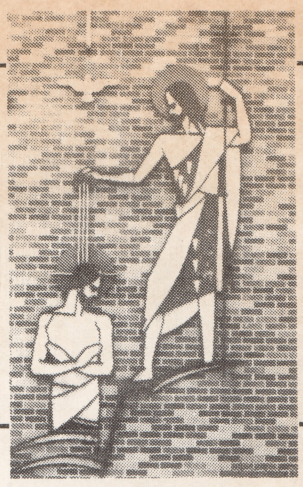


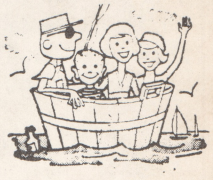
Just A Word...

by Fr. Harvey

As the harried days of the Christmas season begin to draw to a close, my memory will hopefully never allow me to forget Christmas, 1973 at St. John's, Ypsilanti. It was a beautiful time because so many of you manifested your active love and support. The liturgies of the Christmas season, the choir, the spirit, and the decorations all helped make the Lord's Birthday Celebration a real event. I could never begin to list individual names and pay special thanks without adding an insert to this parish paper. Your response to our request for help was overwhelming. His love was truly revealed once more.

By this time, you may have noticed the special envelope in the January mailing pertaining to the CATHOLIC WEEKLY. If you wish to continue as a weekly subscriber or desire to become a new subscriber, to the weekly newspaper serving the Diocese of Lansing, please complete the envelope and return it by the end of this month.

Finally, may I request your prayerful remembrance in a special way during these next few days as decisions are made regarding pastoral assignments, especially as they relate to our own parish. May the Spirit be with us.



Bring the whole family...

PARISH DINNER
TODAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
12:15 to 3:00 PM

We will feature a spaghetti and meat sauce menu with garlic bread, coffee, and milk also available. We are asking each group to bring salad and/or dessert to pass. As much spaghetti as you can eat will be on the menu for $1.00 per person. This is a real steal so we hope that those who have spent for Christmas presents will find this an economical meal to attend. MAKE THIS A DEFINITE IN TODAY'S PLANS. WE WILL HAVE THE BEST PRICES IN TOWN TODAY. Please plan on attending.

Mr. Joseph Sesi presents the keys to a new 1973 Montego to the Sisters of our parish

There is a billboard opposite St. John's parking lot which depicts smiling ol' St. Nick inviting the wishful onlooker to put a Sesi Lincoln or Mercury under the Christmas tree. For St. John's Parish, a wish has become a reality.

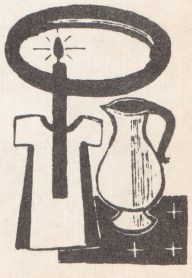
A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE!

St. Nick, in the person of Mr. Joseph Sesi, followed his own advice and presented a sparkling gold-colored Montego to the parish for the Sisters' use.

Needless to say, we are extremely grateful for such a gift and for the assistance which such a necessary gift provides in parish ministry.

Thanks, Joe!

Fr. Harvey and
The Sisters



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Alison Andrea Betts, daughter of Duane and Mary Ann Weins Betts was baptized on Saturday, December 29, 1973 in St. John's Church by Father Donald Clark, former Associate of St. John's. Alizon's godparents were John A. Weins and Deborah Elizabeth Betts.

Sara Bernadine Klamo was received into St. John's Parish on Tuesday, January 1, 1974 by Father David Harvey. Sara's godparents were Patrick Kopytek and Patricia Klamo.

Welcome Alison and Sara.

PARISH NUPTIALS

Mr. and Mrs. Chafie Nassar

Miss Claire Laberge of our parish became the wife of Mr. Chafic Nassar on Saturday evening, December 22, 1973 during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Claire is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mendoza Laberge, 755 N. Mansfield. Chafic is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Khalil Nassar, Latakia, Syria.

Mr. James Abraham of Lathrup Village and Mrs. Ginette Marshall of Monroe were the main attendants.

Miss Marie Stachlewitz accompanied Sr. Mary in the music for the Liturgy.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thomas, Jr.

On Saturday evening, December 29, 1973, John C. Thomas, Jr. and Stephanie J. Caldwell proclaimed their vows of Holy Marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Warner, Sr., 2018 McKinley, Ypsilanti. The groom resides at 1975 Harding, Ypsilanti, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thomas, Sr. of Midland, Texas.

The bride's father, Mr. James Warner, Sr. and her sister, Mrs. Janet Holtz were the main attendants.

Sister Mary O'Connell was soloist and cantor, accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz, organist and Mrs. Carole Zakrzewski, guitarist.

Our happy greetings are extended to the newly-weds. "The human heart loses its way unless it receives the promises of others and gives its trust in return."

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REMINDER TO WOMEN OF THE PARISH

The usual first Wednesday Mass of prayer has been transferred to this Wednesday, January 9th at 8:30 AM. The Mass is for your personal intentions. We hope to see many women at Mass and at the Coffee and Donut hour after Mass at the Rectory. All are welcome.

PARENTS OF PRE–SCHOOLERS

Parents of pre-schoolers are invited to a lecture on Sunday evening, January 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center Library.
TOPIC: Early Child Development and Religious Awareness
Sr. Joyce Grundy

NEW TIME FOR ELEMENTARY RELEASED EDUCATION CLASSES

Beginning the week of January 7th, 1974, the schedule for the elementary released time religious education program will be different. It follows:

Monday - Grades 1, 2, 3
Wednesday - Grades 4, 5, 6

We will hold no classes on Tuesdays. This is an effort on our part to begin to economize and conserve fuel. If you read the financial report, the Education Commission published last fall, you noted that a considerable amount of parish funds and personnel are devoted to the educational programs.

Also, please note the small enrollment in several classes at the various levels. Apparently many parents of school age youngsters who wish to belong to St. John's do not consider religious education significant, since we have noted at least children in 170 registered families in the parish are attending neither parochial schools nor religion classes.

In effect, I am saying that the total membership does not support religious education for youth - at least not the programs as they are presently organized. So a new year begins, and we begin to look to what has been and what may be. We have many questions regarding religious education in St. John's Parish. What do you think?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Pre-School	
4 year olds	14
5 year olds	8
5 year olds	9
TOTAL	31

ELEMENTARY	11:00	12:15	4:30		
Grade 1	8	6	16	=	30
Grade 2	14	9	16	=	39
Grade 3	18	9	14	=	41
Grade 4	16	10	15	=	41
Grade 5	17	0	16	=	33
Grade 6	16	9	18	=	43
TOTAL	89	43	95	=	227

JUNIOR HIGH	
7	15
7	14
8	16
8	15
St. Ursula's class	12
TOTAL	72

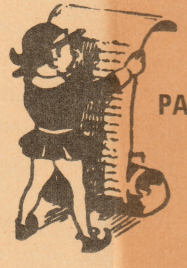
HIGH SCHOOL	
Grade 9	17
Grade 10	14
Grade 11	14
Grade 12	9
TOTAL	54

Pre-School	31
Elementary	227
Junior High	72
High School	54
TOTAL	384

FAMILIES REGISTERED IN PROGRAM 177

THANK YOU IN ORDER

So many have responded to the needs of the parish. We so often help others when we know where help is needed and this has been true of those who have given so generously to help the women who work at Ypsi State Hospital the second Tuesday of each month. Willing workers have made the job easier for Mrs. Pauline Gelesky who heads the group of women from St. John's, and small gift articles always seem to appear at the rectory labeled for Ypsi State Workers. We thank all of you who remember this worthy cause when they are looking through their white elephant small articles at home. We have been able to continue in this charitable work through the generosity of St. John Parishioners. The Service Commission expresses its gratefulness.



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, January 6th
- 9:00 AM - Pre-School Classes resume in the Parish Center
- 9:00 and 11:00 AM - Babysitting in Room 5 of Parish Center
- 9:00 and 11:00 AM - COFFEE AND DONUTS after these Masses
- 12:15 to 3:00 PM - PARISH DINNER in Parish Hall

MONDAY, January 7th
- RELIGION CLASSES FOR GRADES 1-6 RESUME
- 11:00 and 12:15 Released Time for Elementary Classes, Grades 1-2-3
- 7:00 PM - Boy Scouts meet in Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM - Parents of First Communicants meet in Center Library
- 8:00 PM - Parish Council Executive Committee meets in the Rectory

TUESDAY, January 8th
- 7:30 PM - Liturgy Meeting held at the home of Sally Lounsbury

WEDNESDAY, January 9th - BINGO RESUMES THIS EVENING
- 11:00 and 12:15 Released Time for Elementary Classes, Grades 4-5-6
- 4:30 to 5:30 PM Elementary Classes in Parish Center
- 7:00 PM - Folk Group Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM - BINGO in Parish Hall (Doors open at 6:30 PM) $200.00 Jackpot goes.

THURSDAY, January 10th
- 7:00 PM - Mixed Choir meets in Room 9 of Parish Center
- 8:00 PM - Education Commission meets in Center Library

SATURDAY, January 12th
- 5:00 PM - First Communicants Mass

ASSIST A YOUNG MAN TO THE PRIESTHOOD THROUGH YOUR WILL

Each year over 50 young men, aspiring to the priesthood, depend on financial assistance from the diocese. This expenditure annually exceeds $90,000.00. The (Bishop) JOSEPH H. ALBERS TRUST FUND FOR DIOCESAN VOCATIONS permits our faithful to directly support the cause of vocations by gifts and bequests.

Your will is the legal way of controlling the charitable contributions of your estate. The language can be as simple as:

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Consult with your attorney or call the Bishop's Committee at (517) 372-8540 and they will assist you.

"PREPARE TODAY FOR TOMORROW"

BABYSITTERS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, January 13, 1974
- 9:00 AM - Miss Pat Walton & Carol Carpenter
- 11:00 AM - Miss Denise Schenher & Debbie Gillman

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 12
- 5:00 PM . . . . . Pete Parin

SUNDAY, January 13
- 7:00 AM . . . . . Gene Butman
- 9:00 AM . . . . . Dick Wagner
- 11:00 AM . . . . . Bill Anhut
- 12:30 PM . . . . . Don Racine

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 12
- 5:00 PM . . . . . Ken Macek

SUNDAY, January 13
- 7:00 AM . . . . . Norm Hallman
- 9:00 AM . . . . . Lee Sanford
- 11:00 AM . . . . . Mary Clare Anhut
- 12:30 PM . . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE WEEK OF JANUARY 6th

TEAM 1
- Chris McCarthy and Matt Chiodini

TEAM II
- Jerry Moses and Greg White

SATURDAY, January 12th
- 5:00 PM - Ronald Bureau and Joe Slater

SUNDAY, January 13th
- 7:00 AM - Tom Weishaar and Larry Dupuis
- 9:00 AM - Mike Presensky and Greg Gillman
- 11:00 AM - Pat Sullivan and Peter Burgard
- 12:30 PM - Kevin and Mark Courtois

WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:
- Tim Motto and John Baxter

LAY DISTRIBUTORS

SATURDAY, January 12th
- 5:00 PM . . . . . Imelda Haug

SUNDAY, January 13th
- 9:00 AM . . . . . Diane DeLano
- 11:00 AM . . . . . Carmella Cicirelli
- 12:30 PM . . . . . Sister Sheila

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 14th - Weekday
- 7:00 AM - Hannah Thomas req. by Bob and Jane Thomas
- 2:30 PM - Eli St. John req. by Paul and Carrie St. John (Mass at Parkview)

TUESDAY, January 15th - Weekday
- 7:00 AM - Deceased of August Binder Family req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly

WEDNESDAY, January 16th - Weekday
- 7:00 AM - Deceased of the John Motto Family req. by The John Motto Family
- 8:30 AM - For the Intentions of the Women of St. John's Parish

THURSDAY, January 17th - Weekday
- 7:00 AM - Mabel I. Stadtmiller req. by Mr. & Mrs. Robert L'Amoreaux

FRIDAY, January 18th - Weekday
- 7:00 AM - Joseph A. Maher, req. by his Wife, Ruth 1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, January 19th - Weekday
- 9:00 AM - Mrs. Charles Lincoln req. by John and Bernice Sullivan
- 5:00 PM - Oliver Pinsoneault req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault

SUNDAY, January 20th - Baptism of Our Lord
- 7:00 AM - Ruth Chadwick req. by Binder Family
- 9:00 AM - Ella Verville req. by Lawrence & Herbert Pepes
- 11:00 AM - George Binder req. by Doreen & Richard Binder
- 12:30 PM - Mass for Parishioners (Baptism Mass)

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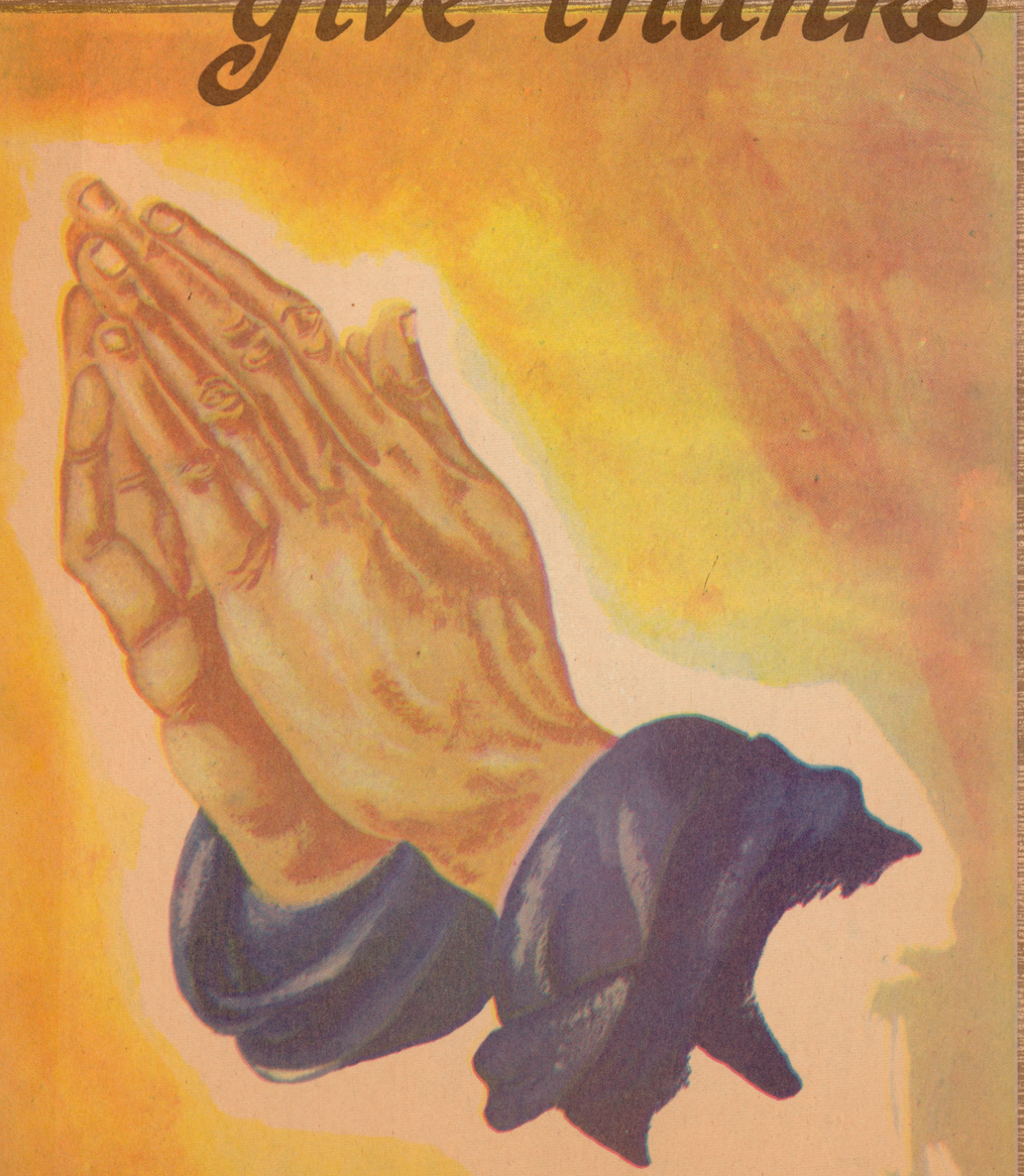
Bless O Lord, this food to our use, and us to Thy service, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others, in Jesus' name. Amen. – PROTESTANT

Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary and bless the Lord. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth. Amen. ~ JEWISH

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ CATHOLIC

O Lord give peace in our day, because no one but Thou, our God fighteth for us. May peace be within Thy walls and abundance in Thy towers. ~ ALL CREEDS

God is great, God is good, and we thank him for our food. Amen. ~ CHILDREN



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